

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A feed belt, adapted to feeding members comprising at least one of papers, tickets, bank notes, plastic or paper cards and coins, comprising:

an elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90;

10 to 70 percent by weight of high hardness particles dispersed throughout the elastic material, said high hardness particles having a particle diameter of 3 to 300 μm ;

characterized in that the high hardness particles project from a feed surface of the belt, where the projecting amount of the high hardness particles increases with the increasing elasticity of the elastic material when a member to be fed is fed, and the projecting amount of the high hardness particles varies according to an axial stress applied to said belt by fed members ~~the pressure applied to the belt from said member, where the pressure applied to the belt from the member varies with the shape or hardness of the member to be fed.~~

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): A feed belt according to claim 1, further comprising a filament which is disposed in a central portion of the belt.

4. (previously presented): A feed belt according to claim 1, further comprising a filament which is disposed on a driving surface side of the belt.

5. (currently amended): A feed belt, adapted to feeding members comprising at least one of papers, tickets, bank notes, plastic or paper cards and coins, comprising:

a base material layer formed of a first elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90;

a high hardness particle containing layer comprising:

a second elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90;

10 to 70 percent by weight of high hardness particles dispersed throughout the second

elastic material, said high hardness particles having a particle diameter of 3 to 300 μm ;

characterized in that the high hardness particles project from a feed surface, where the projecting amount of the high hardness particles increases with the increasing elasticity of at least the second elastic material when a member to be fed is fed, and the projecting amount of the high hardness particles varies according to an axial stress applied to said belt by fed members ~~the pressure applied to the belt by the member, where the pressure applied to the belt from the member varies with the shape or hardness of the member to be fed.~~

6. (canceled).

7. (previously presented): A feed belt according to claim 5, further comprising a filament which is disposed in a central portion of the belt, the base material layer being formed on a driving surface side of the belt, and the high hardness particle containing layer being formed on a feed surface side of the belt.

8. (previously presented): A feed belt according to claim 5, further comprising a filament which is disposed on a driving surface side of the belt.

9. (previously presented): A feed belt according to claim 5, wherein the hardness of the second elastic material is less than the hardness of the first elastic material.

10. (previously presented): A feed belt according to claim 5, wherein the second elastic material has properties different from said first elastic material and wherein the hardness of the second elastic material is more than the hardness of the first elastic material.